

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2021

The Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom at the Burke County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terri Lodge Kelly. Commissioners Abrams, Nix, Martin and Lively, along with County Attorney Adam Nelson, and County Manager Merv Waldrop were also in attendance.

Manager Waldrop gave the invocation for the meeting and Commissioner Martin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Rolene Rowell was presented a plaque by the Board in recognition of her 37 years of service with the County. Ms. Rowell then informed the Commission of two awards given to Burke County Recreation Department. Jimmy Lovett won GRPA 1<sup>st</sup> District Innovative Program Award for Knockerball and GRPA Marketing & Visibility Publication Award for a Single Even was awarded to Dylan Thomas.

Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt the agenda as presented and Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Nix motioned to approve the Minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Several bids were then opened and deferred to Finance Committee on November 10, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

Bids for Paper Products and Trash Can liners were:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Kamo		**Line-Item Bid
S & S Distribution		
Associated Paper		

All companies provided a bid amount for each line item. Bids will be tabulated and presented to Finance Committee for award.

Bids for Employee Footwear were opened. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Vulcan Safety Shoes		**Price Listing provided
Salter Supply	\$3600.00	(\$125 / pair)
Shoes for Crews		**no bid

Bids for Inmate Food Service were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Trinity Service Group		**Volume Prices
Kellwell Food Management		**Volume Prices

Prices were submitted itemized and per volume. Bids will be reviewed and presented to Finance Committee for award.

Bids for a Tractor with bush cutter were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
J & B Tractor	\$ 180,000	
Flint Construction Equipment	\$ 206,595	
Blanchard Equipment	\$ 189,400	
Atlantic Southern Equipment	\$ 173,500	
Mason Tractor Company	\$ 159,177	

Bids for three Tandem Dump trucks were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Freightliner of Augusta	\$ 112,368 / each	
Rush Truck Center	\$ 145,107 / each	

Bids for a No till Seeder were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Blanchard Equipment	\$ 15,500	
Burke Truck & Tractor	\$ 13,235	
Technologies International	\$ 18,950	

Bids for a Hydo-Seeder were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Flint Equipment Company	\$ 31,195	
Technologies International	\$ 36,950	

Bids for a Disc Harrow were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Blanchard Equipment	\$ 13,750	
Burke Truck & Tractor	\$ 13,465	
Technologies International	\$ 20,450	

Bids for four 4x4 Pickup trucks were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	TOTAL FOR 4
Wade Ford	\$37,028 ea	\$ 148, 112
Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln	\$33,765 ea	\$ 135,060
Metter Ford	\$33,363.60 ea	\$ 133,454

Bids for a Single Axle Dump truck were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Freightliner of Augusta	\$ 99,302	
Rush Truck Center	\$ 116,265	

Bids for the concrete walkway at the Recreation Department were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Red Cap Industries, LLC	\$ 56,200	
Quality Plus Services	\$ 93,530	
Contract Management Inc	\$ 133,713	
Delta Enterprises LLC	\$50,400	
Horizon Construction & Assoc.	\$ 65,000	

Bids for the Ballfield Lighting on McKinney Field were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Middle GA Outdoor Lighting	\$ 118,345	

Techline Sports Lighting	\$ 169,000	
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Bids for two 2000-gallon Tanker trucks were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Fireline Inc	\$ 599,930 (for both)	
Ten-8 Fire & Safety	\$ 667,000 (for both)	

Bids for two 1250-gallon per minute Class A Pumper trucks were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Fireline Inc	\$ 623,078 (for both)	
Ten-8 Fire & Safety	\$ 655,600 (for both)	

Bids for a Front Loader Garbage Truck were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
Environmental Products Group	\$ 265,000	
Vanguard Truck Center	\$ 126,500	
Wastebuilt	\$ 275,569	
Solid Waste Applied Technologies	(1) \$279,000 (2) \$263,990	
Carolina Environmental Systems	(1) \$304,586 (2) \$286,367	

Bids for 40 Eight Yard Dumpsters were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	NOTES
WasteQuip	\$ 75,456.10	
Lewis Steel Works	\$ 55,000	

The Board then considered a Resolution ending local supplements for elected officials at the end of the current office holder's tenure. This Resolution will not apply to Superior Court judges. Commissioner Abrams motioned to approve the Resolution with Commissioner Nix seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was then held on the proposed annexation by the City of Waynesboro. The developer submitted a revised site plan, redirecting traffic to Herndon Road and utilizing Brinson Road for emergency use only. Mike Smith addressed the Board, stating the development would be upper scale townhomes, not apartments. Commissioners Kelly, Abrams, and Lively voiced their opposition to this

plan. Manager Waldrop stated to his knowledge the City of Waynesboro has not approved the revised plan. No vote needed as the County's objection has already been filed with the City of Waynesboro.

The Board then needed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with GEMA Technical and Financial Assistance that establishes parameters for future Federal & State disaster relief funding. Commissioner Martin motioned to approve the MOU with GEMA and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Development Authority has requested a temporary stipend of \$1500/month to its Office Manager until a new Economic Development Director is hired. Commissioner Lively requested this item be tabled until additional information can be received. Commissioner Kelly requested a detailed job responsibility listing as well.

The Board then considered Amendment #1 to the MOU for Burke County Archway Partnership. The MOU changes the contributions of the City of Waynesboro from \$20,000 to \$5,000 and Augusta Tech from \$3,000 to \$1,500. Commissioner Nix motioned to authorize Chairman Kelly to execute and approve Amendment #1 to the Archway Partnership's MOU. Commissioner seconded and motion passed 5-0.

The Board then needed to approve a budget amendment for acceptance of the First Responders Grant. The Grant allows \$1,000 supplemental payment for the County's Firefighters, EMT's, Law Enforcement Officers, and Communications Officers. The County has 210 eligible employees. The County will also include in its application the payroll tax match to offset this expense. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve acceptance of the Grant and the budget amendment recognizing the grant revenue and salary costs. Commissioner Martin seconded and motion passed 5-0.

The Board then had discussion regarding the Milestone Construction contract for the Cotton Warehouse renovations. Costs were reduced in the amount of \$116,000 and added an addendum for a 9-month completion date. The new contract amount for the Board's consideration is \$2,552,337. Chief Webster voiced concerns on the renovation plans stating one executive office currently utilized by the Department will no longer be an option Manager Waldrop stated the plans for Warehouse 2 & 3 have remained unchanged for several years. Chairman Kelly suggested the Sheriff's Office return to the Board with a plan in efforts to get this issue resolved. Commissioner Nix then moved to approve the contract with Milestone Construction with Commissioner Martin seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

Ruby Carter requested an update on the status of Glisson Road, Girard. Commissioner Nix stated the County is awaiting a survey to be completed. Ms. Carter stated irrigation from a neighboring farm continues to be a concern. Commissioner Nix stated he would contact the landowner once again to discuss. Adam Nelson, County Attorney, stated he would meet with Ms. Carter after the meeting to discuss what options may be available.

Floyd Cross, Midville, addressed his concerns over the County's practice of auctioning land for unpaid taxes and the fine / fees that are added for late payment of taxes.

Jimmy Lovett, Recreation Department, updated the Commission stating the Haunted Trail was a success, football is ending, they are readying for a Pickleball tournament, and Basketball registration will begin soon.

Jesse Burke, Road Department, updated the Commission on Quaker Road, Storey Mill Road and Coursey Road projects.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Terri Lodge Kelly, Chairman

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Evans Martin, Vice-Chairman

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Q. U. "Art" Lively

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R. Tommy Nix

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Merv Waldrop, Manager